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Robert J. Shukle
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Dear Mr. Shukle,

Enclosed is a copy of "Characterization of and Treatment Recommendations for the St. Louis Adit Drainage and Associated Settling Ponds in Rico, Colorado", by Kathleen S. Paser. This report is an independent study done by Ms. Paser as a graduate student at the Colorado School of Mines.

ARCO does not endorse any of the conclusions or recommendations presented in Ms. Paser's thesis. ARCO's interpretations, based on data in this report and previous studies, lead to several conclusions different from those reached by Ms. Paser.

If we can be of help in better understanding the data and facilitating a plan of action with the current owners, please give me a call.

Sincerely yours,

Richard A. Elliott
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